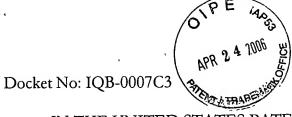
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on November 23, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith to make the filing of this paper timely.

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